

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:13-CR-00009-RLV-DCK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM NEIL THOMPSON,

Defendant.

**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE
UPWARD DEPARTURE**

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT pursuant to Rule 32 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Rule 32(h) requires that,

[b]efore the court may depart from the applicable sentencing range on a ground not identified for departure either in the presentence report or in a party's prehearing submission, the court must give the parties reasonable notice that it is contemplating such a departure. The notice must specify any ground on which the court is contemplating a departure.

See Fed. R. Crim. Pro. 32(h). The Court **HEREBY NOTIFIES** the parties that it is contemplating an upward departure in this matter on the ground of "inadequacy of criminal history category."

See United States Sentencing Commission, Guidelines Manual, §4A1.3(a)(4)(B) (Nov. 2015).

Signed: December 21, 2015



Richard L. Voorhees
United States District Judge

